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Utensils and Novel Straw and Dip Tube Configurations

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the first month be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to take the action required in the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of the total fee of \$55.00 as set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity is attached. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3403. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

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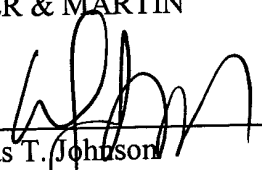
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Respectfully submitted,

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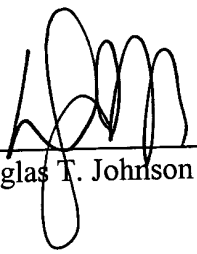
  
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